S.Nc. Name of the State	Name of the Fishing Harbour	Action Taken
8. Goa (Proposal of Mormugoa Port Trust	1. Vasco Bay	The Mormugoa Port Trust has been requested to confirm availability of environmental and confirmation that facilities required for FSI vessels have been considered in the proposed fishing harbour project.
9. Daman & Diu	1. Vanakabara	The UT Administration has been requested to update the cost and also confirm availability of land and obtain environmental clearance for the project.
	2. Nani Daman	The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fisheries (CICEF), Bangalore has been requested to carry out investigation and to prepare Techno-Economic Feasibility Report.
10. Pondicherry	LKaraikal	The UT Government is to submit detailed analysis on increase of cost and also draw a intuitional mechanism for management of the fishing harbour.
	2. Mahe	The UT Government has been requested to confirm availability of land and environmental
	3. Yanam	The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fisheries (CICEF), Bangalore has been asked to carry out investigation and to prepare Techno-Economic Feasibility Report.

Farmers living below poverty line

4669. SHRI T.T. V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been done, so far, to ascertain the number of farmers living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would make a survey immediately to know the plight of farmers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission, which is the official agency for poverty estimation, has estimated the percentage of poor in rural areas at 27.1% of the rural population on the basis of 55th round (1999-2000) of the Household Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). However, the poverty estimates released by the Planning Commission do not show figures separately for farmers because the data collected through the NSSO survey does not permit the estimation of poverty by occupation groups. It may, however, be mentioned that around 70% of the rural population depend on agriculture for livelihood. However, about 62% of the farmers in the country operate holdings of less than 1 hectare while 19% operate holdings of 1 to 2 hectares of land.

(c) A study entitled "State of Indian Farmers-A Millennium Stud/' has been undertaken with focus on problems facing farmers. The study consists of two phases. Phase-I pertains to preparation of papers by experts on 25 identified subjects relating to agriculture, covering a wide range of subjects like land resources, water resources, rural infrastructure, agricultural extension, agricultural credit, horticultural development, animal husbandry, terms of trade and cost of cultivation and farm income. All the papers have been prepared and brought out as individual reports. In addition, an overview based on all individual reports has also been brought out. Phase-ll of the study relates to Situation Assessment Survey on conditions of Indian farmers, which has been entrusted to the NSSO. The field work for the survey was conducted as part of the 59th Round with agricultural year 2002-03 (July-June) as the reference period. The reprot of the survey is under preparation and is expected to be completed by October 2005.

Relief to gas victims of M.P.

†4670. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that share of Government of India as well as the Madhya Pradesh Government has been fixed at 75 per cent and 25 per cent respectively in the schemes being run for the gas victims;

(b) whether 75 per cent amount is due to be paid by Government of India for recurring expenditure also; and

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that funds are being provided to Madhya

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.